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Applicants : Bruce D. Gaynor, et al.

Appn. No. : 08/833,838

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For : PEPTIDES FOR THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF SYSTEMIC
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 20, 2000 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENTION OF TIME**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued on June 20, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due on September 20, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action. A check in the amount of \$445 is enclosed to cover the three month extension of time fee for a small entity. Applicants' status as a small entity was previously established and is still proper. Accordingly, a response is due December 20, 2000, and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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